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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of:

CHERUKURI

Serial No. 09/610,489

Examiner: B. Fubara

Filed: July 5, 2000

Art Unit: 1615

For: **RAPID-MELT SEMI-SOLID COMPOSITIONS, METHODS OF
MAKING SAME AND METHODS OF USING SAME**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated March 27, 2001. The three month shortened statutory period for response expired on June 27, 2001. Accordingly, this response should be considered timely filed.

In view of the following amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 19 as per attached with this response. Attachment A is a marked up copy of amended claim 19, while



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